



April 17, 2014

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ATTN: Mike Owens

Re:

Request for Information dated March 26, 2014 ("Request")

Dear Sir:

Descret Generation & Transmission Co-operative ("Descret") received the referenced Request for Information on March 31, 2014. The Request seeks information on the existing Bonanza power plant ("Bonanza Unit 1") which Request, in several respects, spans periods of nearly 20 years. The Request indicates that EPA is "planning to address potentially applicable PSD requirements that may have been triggered by Descret's ruggedized rotor project..." that was initially permitted beginning in approximately 1998, well over 15 years ago.

Deseret intends to comply as fully as reasonably possible with the Request insofar as it seeks information contained in documents in Deseret's possession. Without limiting the foregoing, Deseret maintains that it properly permitted the 1998-2000 project undertaken at Bonanza 1, first by application and approval order of the State of Utah during the time the State was recognized and granted jurisdictional permitting authority, and also subsequently by PSD Permit issued directly by EPA Region 8 approving the project. Deseret relied, in deciding to undertake the project, on its good faith belief that the permitting actions of Utah DAQ and EPA Region 8 were valid when the permits issued, and that those permits would provide a continuing permit shield against subsequent changes or requirements imposed on the existing Bonanza facility arising due to the installation of that project many years ago. It is beyond question that, if either of those permit actions resulted in federal or state requirements to significantly modify or update pollution controls beyond the controls installed in connection with such permit action, Deseret would never have undertaken the rugged rotor at all.

Descret objects in the strongest terms to any suggestion that revisiting the long-issued and well settled PSD Permits approving the completion of the project in 2000 would be proper or permissible at this extremely late date.

Deseret has commenced an effort to locate those records and documents that it possesses which may be responsive to the Request. A number of key individuals involved in the project in 1998-2000 have retired, and some are now deceased. Deseret has moved its primary offices and relocated document depositories several times in the intervening decade and a half.

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Given the time span of years for which information is being requested, and the extremely long period of time that has passed since the project was permitted both by the State of Utah and by EPA, and the 14 years since the project was completed and installed at Bonanza, and the nearly 10 years since it was subsequently investigated by EPA in approximately 2005, locating and verifying the documents which still remain will require a good deal more time than the 30 days set forth in the Request.

It also appears that some of the requested information may not exist in any document or record that Deseret now possesses, although Deseret requests more time to make an adequate determination as to which of the requests, or the components of such requests, may fall into such a category. Moreover, a number of requests appear to us to be ambiguous, and Deseret reserves the right to seek clarification in order to both focus the search for responsive documents as well as to avoid misunderstanding.

Deseret has gathered a preliminary collection of records that appear to be responsive to the Request; those are attached hereto. The summary of the files we are transmitting herewith also includes the designation "confidential" to indicate those files that Deseret asserts as confidential trade secrets that must not be disclosed publicly. This preliminary response may be incomplete — only a more thorough search will determine what additional documents may be stored in additional files.

Deseret believes that a reasonably thorough search of its files will require a minimum of 90 additional days to complete. We intend to continue the effort to locate responsive material during that additional time, as well as to seek clarification as those questions come more clear in the course of our data gathering efforts.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding Deseret's ongoing efforts to respond to this Request.

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